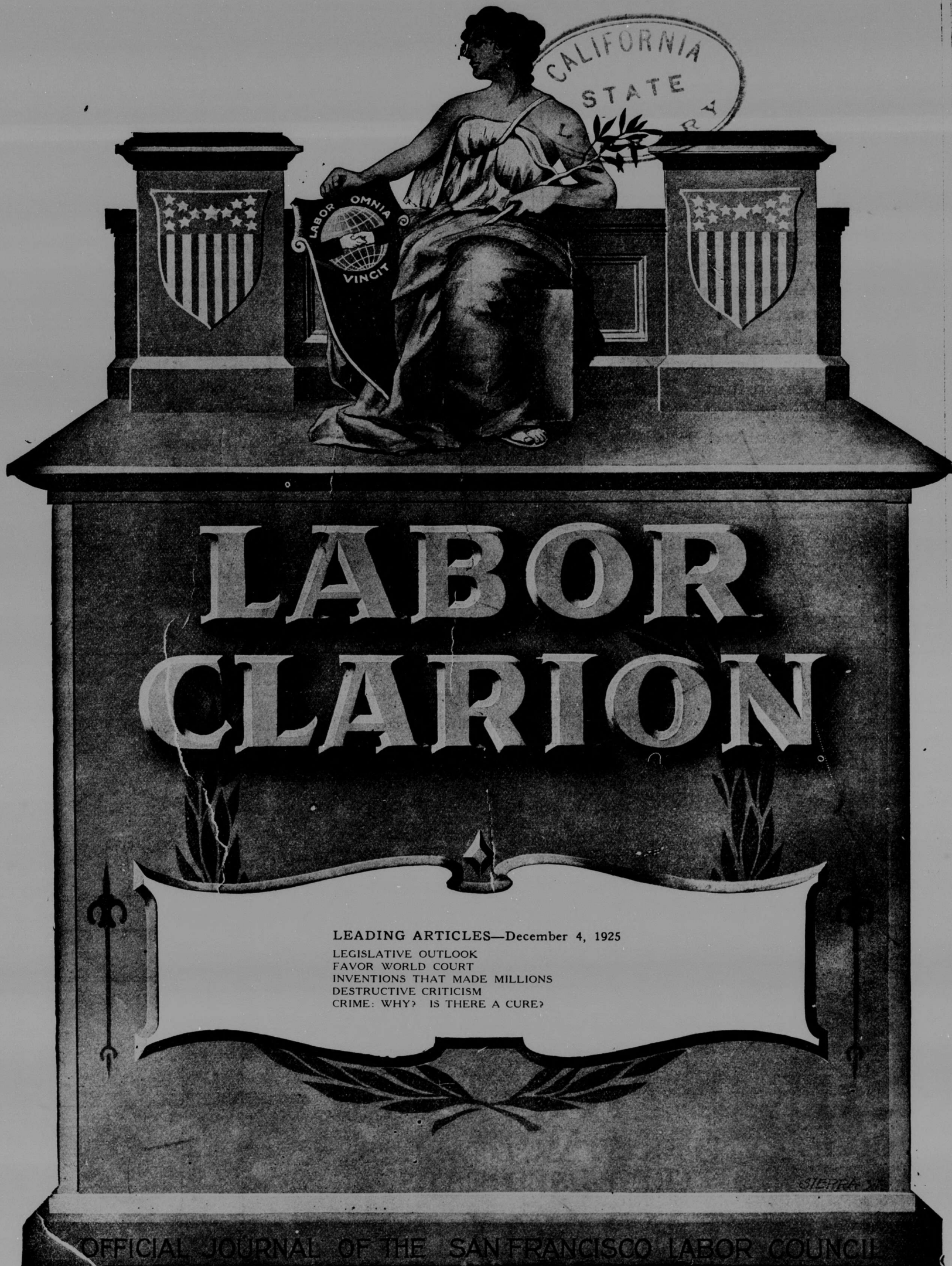


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## Legislative Outlook

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The American Federation of Labor legislative committee has made the following report to President Green on measures of interest to labor:

The first session of the 69th Congress which meets December 7 has brought forth many prophecies as to what legislation will or will not be considered and when it will adjourn. Speaker-elect Nicholas Longworth, according to newspaper, informed President Coolidge that the revision of the taxes will be taken up immediately and completed by December 31. Then the appropriation bills will be considered and Congress will be ready to adjourn not later than June.

Members of Congress who have arrived in the city say that they have been informed that very little legislation will be enacted; that Congress will be as quiet as possible because of the elections next fall.

But the members of Congress have measures which they intend to introduce and to press, and while the leaders may be able to prevent action on them the discussions in the hearings by committees will be interesting.

The action of the cotton and woolen industries in reducing wages although the highest protected in the United States has aroused many of the members and they intend to voice their opinions on the floors of both the House and Senate.

The ways and means committee will not consider any change in the tariff law, according to those best informed. But the question of tariff will come up while the revision of the income tax laws are under consideration. The debates will be particularly interesting when the bill which will pass the house reaches the Senate, as it is proposed by a number of Senators to direct the attention of the people of the country to the amazing reductions in wages made since 1920 by the cotton and woolen textile industries.

Desperate efforts will be made to enact a conscription law. While the propaganda in its favor includes conscription of material resources, the real objective is the conscription of men and women in industry in peace time as well as in war. The proposed legislation gives one man the power to decide when there is a "national emergency" and to order a draft of all persons between any ages he may determine.

There is also a feeling in Congress that propaganda in favor of the sales tax will be interjected in the taxation debate. Newspaper organs of the sales-tax Senators have begun a campaign for its adoption. It is not expected, however, that anything will be done, as the purpose is simply to keep the subject alive so that at the proper time in the future this most vicious method of taxation will be placed upon those least able to bear it.

Various agencies that propose to attack the immigration law have found little comfort so far, as it appears that the house immigration committee itself will discourage any change in the law. The most important changes sought are to place the Japanese under the quota law and provides for the finger printing and registering of all aliens in the United States and those who may come in the future. It can be said, however, that there is no sentiment in favor of these changes.

Notwithstanding the intention of the leaders to suppress as much legislation as possible labor intends to make a vigorous campaign in favor of the following legislation:

Prohibiting the issuance of injunctions by federal courts in labor disputes.

Providing that prison-made products shipped into a state shall come under the laws of that state the same as if manufactured therein.

The Howell-Barkley railroad bill.

Liberalizing the civil service retirement law.

Prohibiting the use of wooden baggage and express cars.

Abolishing the "bureau of efficiency."

Providing for the transfer of the classification board to the United States civil service commission.

Minimizing unemployment throughout the United States by developing public works during periods of depression.

To create a department of education.

Prohibiting transportation of labor in interstate commerce to points where a lockout or strike is in progress without advising the persons so transported.

Providing for naming the first school building erected hereafter in the District of Columbia the "Samuel Gompers School."

Providing for full citizenship and self-government for the people of the District of Columbia.

Workmen's compensation laws for the District of Columbia and for longshoremen.

Providing for relief of the employees of the Canal Zone because of conditions taken away from them through the Harding executive order, or a differential in compensation because of the more onerous conditions under which they work.

Providing that all federal contracts for public works shall provide for an eight-hour day and the payment of the prevailing union wages in the locality where the work is done.

Appointment of a committee of members of the House and Senate to visit Porto Rico to investigate the deplorable industrial conditions as well as the general governmental affairs of the island, especially the living and working conditions of the masses of laborers, the land and financial resources as well as violations of the federal and organic law of the island by big financial interests.

Other measures which will be opposed aside from these heretofore mentioned are:

Amending the constitution to make it more difficult to change that document.

Governmental reorganization that will weaken the Department of Labor.

Department of education and relief which will be dominated by military bureaus.

Providing officers of the United States, civil and military, including retired, may be specially

assigned to duty in any branch or division of the government whenever authorized by the President.

Establishing a federal court of "conciliation" having power to hear and determine industrial disputes affecting operation of interstate commerce, the court to be composed of three judges to be appointed by the President.

Transferring police power from the states to the federal government in controversies in which aliens are involved.

Blanket "equal rights" amendment, which, if ratified, would make null and void all laws for the protection of women in industry.

Any form of ship subsidy.

Any attempt to eliminate day work on federal public works.

Your committee sincerely believes that despite the pressure being brought to bear on members of Congress to refrain from passing bills there will be some remedial legislation enacted.

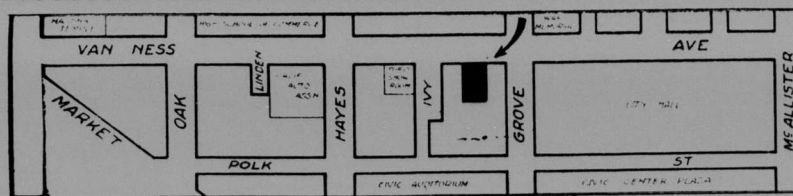
At the same time all the grievances held by the members of Congress since March 4, 1925, will be given vent. Whether they are able or not to break down the bars against legislation they will stir things up as never before.

### FAVOR WORLD COURT.

Adherence to the world court principle was reaffirmed at the closing session of the American Federation of Labor executive council. The action of the council follows:

"Inasmuch as former conventions of the American Federation of Labor have endorsed a world court; we reaffirm our adherence to the principles of the world court; that we urge continuance of study by President Green of all proposals submitted on this subject to the United States Congress; that he, President Green, keep the executive council continually advised and informed of his progressive studies, and that he be authorized to further the participation and adherence of the United States in a world court on such conditions and with such reservations as in his judgment and that of the executive council shall seem best to protect the American wage earners and all our citizens, at the same time promote international accord and world amity through a world court.

"Further, that all city and state Federations of Labor be advised of this action; that they be continually informed of subsequent decisions of the executive council on this subject and that they be requested not to take any action on this subject contrary to the decisions of the American Federation of Labor."



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# INVENTIONS THAT MADE MILLIONS.

By Alexander J. Wedderburn, Jr., President of  
the League of American Inventors.

(Written for International Labor News Service.)

## VI. Printing.

The love of a young man for his sweetheart led to the discovery of the art of printing from movable type. Laurens Coster, of Haarlem, Holland, was more of a dreamer and poet than an inventor and was constantly seeking the solitude of the country. He was deeply in love, and it is related that one day while seated upon the bank of a stream with his knife he cut the bark from a nearby willow tree. He then began to trace out a monogram in the wood containing the first letter of his sweetheart's name and the first letter of his own. Having cut the letters with great care, he carefully wrapped them in a piece of parchment and placed them in his pocket. The next day when unwrapping them, he was astonished to find the monogram perfectly reproduced upon the parchment by the action of the sap in the wood. He was impelled to try the experiment again. He carved some letters on a large block of wood and substituted a black liquid for the sap. He showed the result of his experiments to his friend, John Gutenberg, who realized the remarkable value of the discovery. Gutenberg borrowed it and took it to his laboratory, where he gave himself up to the study of it.

### Inventor Born About 1400.

Although there are many claimants of the honor, the world generally acknowledges John Gutenberg to be the inventor of printing from movable type. The inventor was born about 1400 in Mainz, one of the free cities of Germany. He was outlawed from his home by one of the many petty wars which were always raging. He took up his trade of polishing precious stones in Strasburg. His pious inclinations took him on long tramps through the country, and it was on these trips that the friendship between Gutenberg and Coster arose.

After experimenting for some time, Gutenberg decided to popularize the art to the fullest extent. The great mass of the people could not read and there was nothing to read even if they had possessed the ability, so naturally it was a hard matter to popularize the invention in the beginning. Gutenberg was a very religious man and he looked upon his invention as a means of spreading the Word of God among his fellow men.

In order to accomplish his object he was forced

to secure outside capital. He succeeded in interesting several people, among whom was Faust, a goldsmith, and who was popularly supposed to be the same Faust who sold his soul to the devil for the renewal of his youth. A partnership was entered into for the carrying on of the trade in precious stones, while Gutenberg was to experiment in secret.

### Had Monastery Workshop.

It soon became whispered around the city that Gutenberg was in league with the devil and that he had bartered his soul in return for help with the evil one. He found it impossible to continue in the city, and to avoid the superstitious anger of the people he had a workshop fitted up in the ruins of an old monastery known as the Convent of St. Arborgaste.

His laboratory was a cell made safe from prying eyes with locks and bars, and here in this strange locality Gutenberg conducted his experiments with movable type. Perhaps the sombre scene of his endeavors preyed upon his mind and made him fanciful, or perhaps it was enthusiasm over the possibilities of his invention, but whatever the cause, he began to imagine that the Lord was to grant him the boon of mortal life forever as a reward for perfecting his invention.

He made a model press, ran off two or three books, and then found that he would need more capital. He took in several partners and from that period his life became one hardship after another.

One partner died and another instituted suit to compel Gutenberg to admit that the invention was not his. To defend his invention it was necessary for Gutenberg to explain the secret. This he was not ready to do, and as a result we see the inventor being successfully sued, and by the court's decision being denied the credit for his own work.

### Opens Shop at Mayence.

Later he, with two partners, opened a shop in Mayence. It was at this time that he printed the Psalter and the Mayence Bible, the date being 1457. He next published the works of Cicero. Here his new partners stepped in and again he was sued. Again he lost. This time was too much for him. He gave up in despair and became a wanderer on the face of the earth. His wife attended him on these aimless journeys, but it became too much for her and resulted in her death. The man, bitter toward the world, continued to shamble from village to village, living upon what the kindly housewives gave him. A former friend finally took him in and gave him a home for the remainder of his days. A short time after his death printing presses were in use in most of the capitals of Europe.

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## LITTLE ESSAYS ON LITTLE THINGS

Written for The Labor Clarion When the Spirit Moves H. M. C.

## DESTRUCTIVE CRITICISM.

Scathing denunciation is my portion from a correspondent who objects to the destructive criticism of the Little Essays. His demand is for "something constructive, something that will restore hope and confidence in a world torn by dissension and misunderstanding." But first let me assure him the symbols H. M. C., under which I write, stand for "Hear Me Chortle." Therefore, list to my chortling.

Man's capacity to misunderstand is infinite. Where there is misunderstanding there is usually dissension, mighty little confidence, and no hope—until the misunderstanding is conquered. A fellow can use fire to his profit and convenience, if he keeps it confined where fire ought to be. Likewise, he can use gunpowder or gasoline. But let him try mixing these things which by themselves are beneficial, and lo, a mighty change takes place very suddenly.

Let us use the fire figuratively as the light of knowledge, and civilization as the other beneficial element. It is universally conceded that there are some pretty hard conditions under which some human beings live, so that we may assume that, though civilization on the whole is beneficial, it is not a perfect organization. The only thing that can possibly improve it is understanding, and that understanding must come through the lamp of knowledge. If that knowledge is not applied scientifically, well, a mighty change may take place very suddenly. Other civilizations have blown up, and it is as bald an assumption as man can imagine to believe the present civilization is a permanent thing. It is a man-made organization. Its chief accomplishment seems to be that it has made the earth a more comfortable place of residence for the human race than nature provided.

None of us wants to give up any of these comforts. We pretend to sigh for the "good old days," but we stick pretty close to the front in adopting new things that seem to add to our comfort or convenience. As we look about us we see that everything is moving along smoothly, and we congratulate ourselves that we are the special beneficiaries of some tender, benign providence. All's right with the world. God knew what he was doing when he made us! If there are economic injustices, why, such things always have existed, and always will exist; they are no concern of ours. We are here to push forward. If some one gets in our pathway, push him aside; if he blocks the way, crush him. Let nothing stop the eternal upward striving of the race.

It's a splendid line—this with which we lull ourselves. It is the well-known "constructive criticism," although it never dug a well and never righted a wrong. The only thing I want to destroy is the self-satisfaction of the go-getters and self-deception of the forward-lookers, who imagine they can erect a gigantic pyramid called civilization or culture that will reach up to the very skies, without providing a solid foundation in Mother Earth.

The food of the social elect and the clodhopper originates in the earth. Strip away the artificialities of civilization, and the clodhopper would prove to be the better provider, at least temporarily. If it came to a showdown, the clodhopper by superior physical strength, or numbers, perhaps, would become the dictator when men again began to build up the artificialities of another civilization. There cannot be much doubt that in the beginning of our present civilization physical strength and cunning lifted men to chieftainships.

If present-day chieftains have lost the physical qualifications, doubtless they have retained their cunning.

Some of us lay great store by the wisdom of Solomon. In one of his inspired moments he urged: "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding."

That doesn't mean that we shall gloss over our lack of wisdom or understanding with a lot of high-sounding phrases, but that we shall exercise the intelligence that is ours, limited though it may be. I like to think that if we understood our brothers and they understood us, there would be a great accession of love. On the other hand I am almost persuaded that if we understood our brothers, or they understood us, somebody would be due to be led up and knocked in the head. Nevertheless, I plead for understanding.

## LABOR QUERIES.

Questions and Answers on Labor: What it Has Done; Where It Stands on Problems of the Day; Its Aim and Program; Who's Who in the Ranks of the Organized Toilers, Etc., Etc.

Q.—What is the attitude of organized labor on the proposal of an Ohio Congressman to give President Coolidge full power to reorganize government departments?

A.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor, at its last meeting, voted to oppose the proposal. The council declared that schemes to take away the powers of Congress and give them to the President are part of the propaganda to discredit Congress in order to extend the powers of the chief executive.

Q.—It has been asserted that American workers have a shorter work day than ever before. Is this true?

A.—Figures made public by the United States Department of Labor show that working time in a week has been gradually decreasing and that the work day of organized toilers is shorter than ever before in the history of the nation. The government investigation establishes the fact that the organized American worker has more leisure time than any other in the world.

Q.—When was the Pan-American Federation of Labor organized and what is its purpose?

A.—The Pan-American Federation of Labor was organized at a conference of representatives of organized labor of the United States and Pan-American countries, held at Laredo, Texas, November 13-15, 1918. Briefly, the aim of the Federation is to organize the working people of North and South America and advance their interests.

Q.—Should trade unionists take cognizance of misrepresentation of strikers in the movies?

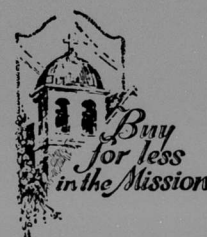
A.—The 1910 convention of the American Federation of Labor urged central bodies and local unions to make protest against unwarranted misrepresentations in moving pictures of occurrences in strikes.

Q.—Where was President Green of the American Federation of Labor born?

A.—Mr. Green was born at Coshocton, Ohio, on March 3, 1873.

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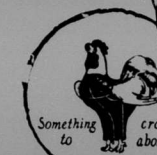
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The main difference between the union shop and the so-called open shop is to be found in the fact that the union shop stands for progress and improvement in the life of the workers, while the open shop has as its purpose retrogression and degradation for all those who are employed by others. The facts are as we have stated, and it is the duty of every member of a union to make them known to all workers and to the general public. When that has been done, there can be no question as to the side the great mass of the people will take. They will be on the side of the toilers, because most of them are toilers themselves.

The Community Chest is getting ready to start its drive for funds to take care of the charities of the city during the year of 1926, and it is to be hoped that the experience of last year, when the Chest failed to reach its goal, will not be duplicated. The Chest has cut down the overhead cost of administering the funds to about 5 cents on the dollar, whereas it had formerly run as high as 50 cents on the dollar under the old scheme. It is, therefore, apparent that the Chest furnishes the best means thus far developed to handle the charity funds. A greater amount of each dollar donated goes directly to the relief of suffering. If there were no other reason, this would be sufficient to induce all intelligent persons to support the Community Chest plan.

It is apparent on all sides that the sentiment of the American people is in favor of wiping out the farce of the Volstead law and the prohibition amendment. So strong is this feeling becoming that it is more than likely that the session of Congress which is to convene next Monday will so amend the Volstead Act as to offer some consideration to the desires of the people. About the only people who are satisfied with the law as it is is the bootlegger, and he is for prohibition first, last and all the time. The bootlegger considers the prohibition fanatics his most valuable friends, because without them he knows that his gold mine would be taken away from him in short order. He, therefore, wants to see the prohibitionists stand pat. Will Congress be guided in its action by the combination of prohibition fanatics and bootleggers or by the desires of the American people, whose representatives Senators and Congressmen are supposed to be in legislative matters?

## Crime: Why? Is There a Cure?

What about crime? What are the causes of increasing crime? What can the National Crime Commission do about it? What can a labor member do on the Crime Commission?

The Labor Clarion, in co-operation with the 120 other publications working through International Labor News Service, has asked these questions of national figures in the labor movement.

That the questions are of great interest is shown clearly by the number of replies and the nature of the replies. These replies will be published through a series of weeks.

Here are two replies by two figures of international prominence—Andrew Furuseth, president of the International Seamen's Union, and Charles Edward Russell, noted writer and member of the International Typographical Union. More will be published next week.

Furuseth says—Watch Upper Strata!:

"It seems that in all societies and at all times there has been a stratification of the population. The upper strata has been the depository of ethical standards.

"The stratas below have looked to the higher stratas for leadership. The lower stratas have, so far as they were able, imitated the upper stratas in their manner of living, of thinking, of speech, of manners and of dress.

"In societies that were growing and healthy, there has been a gradual improvement in reverence for religion, improvement in and obedience to laws and customs. In a society in decadence, the converse has been true.

"In seeking for the causes of increasing crime, the commission should, therefore, look for the causes among the upper strata of existing society. Of course there are subsidiary causes among which it will, I think, not be questioned that at least part of the causes is to be found in the mixture of our population through the entering into it of large numbers of persons growing up in societies with ethical standards different from our own, laws different from our own and method of enforcement of law as well as the law itself entirely different from our own."

Russell says—Inquiry Is All Bosh!:

"A commission to inquire into the causes of crime is all bosh. We know well enough the causes of crime. What we want is enough honesty to acknowledge them and enough courage to end them.

"When you have the great majority of the population deprived of the right to enjoy the life they are endowed with, when their children are sent into the world with, say, one-fifteenth of the education they are entitled to have, when they are employed all day in monotonous and uninteresting work that beats their minds down and cramps their understandings, when so large a part of the population is improperly housed and poorly fed, when the whole nation is taught the ideals of grabbing and keeping as the loftiest ends of life, when vast fortunes are accumulated by dishonest means and the men that get them are eulogized to youth, what on earth are we to expect but crime?

"The Eighteenth Amendment as a crime breeder is negligible. The Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments were shattered to bits before the eighteenth was more than a dream. As nearly as I can make out, the motto of our school system today is 'Get It—No Matter How You Get, Get It.' So long as we teach that and approve the practice of teaching, you can have a thousand solemn-sided commissions trotting about the country taking foolish testimony and the crime wave will go on and get worse."



## FLUCTUATING SENTIMENTS

Bear in mind in making holiday purchases that every demand for the union label has an influence for good on the labor movement. If those who make up the membership of the trade union movement will but keep this thought in mind and act upon it, there is no limit to the progress the movement can make in the next few years. On the other hand, if they pay no attention to it, they must expect to purchase progress at the very highest price. To demand the label on purchases is the easy, simple way to make progress, and it is really astonishing that under such circumstances so few trade union members take advantage of this great opportunity.

Open shoppers crowing again. Cleveland crowd thinks it has something to make a noise about. Gets out a report of 265 pages. Story of creation was told in couple of sticksful. How can these prize egotists consume so much good white paper? They shut their eyes and tell the world their "cause" is gaining ground, unions are losing, everything is lovely. Ostrich, with an elephant charging straight at it, sticks its head in sand and does likewise. Ostrich is a wise bird; so are Cleveland open shoppers. Very wise. Open shoppers, however, have one lament. They regret—and say so—that the churches are so sympathetic with unions and what unions stand for. Church members are urged in Cleveland report to protest against this sympathy. Only thing this report omits is a protest against the ten commandments and the bill of rights.

Man ultimately will fly without any mechanical means to assist him save possibly the extension of small, light and unencumbering adjuncts by way of fabrics. That is a daring prediction. More daring will be he who denies the possibility. A brief time ago a prediction that one might live to see men flying with tremendous speed and accuracy, in machines heavier than air, would have been met with equal incredulity. At recent glider contests a German took prizes for remaining in the air 12 hours and six minutes in a motorless machine. Another flew nearly six hours and carried a passenger. No motive power was used. Gliders of various forms are being simplified and men are learning to fly them with greatest ease. The day will come when by no difficult or complex methods men will fly from point to point with perfect safety in individual flight without much outside assistance. The glider may be paving the way.

What do the outstanding securities, the stocks and bonds of a corporation, represent? One answer is that they represent the real value of the corporation's property. Actually they do nothing of the sort. The par value of a company's securities is almost always less or more than either the sales value of the securities or the actual physical valuation of the company property. That is one reason why public regulation of public utilities is so unsatisfactory. Both regulatory commissions and the courts are inclined to insist on what they call an "adequate return" on outstanding securities as if they represented real value of the investment. This is likely to be the case when it means raising the rate to the public. Now and then, however, a public commission departs from this practice. For instance, the Arizona Corporation Commission has expressly warned the Miami City Power and Water Company that the amount of its securities would have no evidential weight in determining future rate bases.

## WIT AT RANDOM

## Autumn in Harness.

(Showing the difficulty of composition in an office, and advocating an appropriation for the construction of padded cells for all would-be poets.)

Brown leaves are gently falling.  
(No, Mr. Smith's not in.)  
The autumn winds are calling.  
(Good heavens, what a din.)  
Huge pumpkins gleaming yellow.  
(There goes that phone again.)  
Red Baldwins hanging mellow.  
(You say you'll call in when?)  
Songbirds are southward flying,  
(Just a dollar due, that's all.)  
The summer flowers are dying.  
(The third door down the hall.)  
The fields are growing brown and sear.  
(Who let that inkwell drop?)  
And autumn's gloomy days are here.  
(Ye gods, I'll have to stop!)

—Chicago News.

"Three gallons of gas, please."  
"Yes, sir. Want some cylinder oil, too?"  
"No, just gas."  
"Do you want some paint? Your car needs it, and we've got some dandy paint—heat-proof, dirt-proof, guaranteed to wear long."  
"No, I want only gas today."  
"Then you want your car washed?"  
"I said that I wanted only gas."  
"You want a tire, then. We've got some good non-skids. Only \$40 apiece. Want one? Yours—"  
"I tell you I want only gas today!"  
"Yes, sir; but—say, your rear lights are all shot to pieces. You need new ones. We just got in some dandy new crack-proof celluloid lights. Shall I put some in?"  
"No! I want only gas, do you understand?"  
"Your magneto needs adjusting—didja hear that funny noise in the motor when you stopped? It needs adjusting. I'll fix it, what?"  
"No! I want only gas, gas! Do you hear!!!"  
"Yes, sir!" And with the gas obtained, the exasperated motorist drove angrily away. But for once the garage man had got even with his barber.  
—W. Peter Schramm in The New Yorker.

When Freddy came home from school he was crying. "Teacher whipped me because I was the only one who could answer a question she asked the class," he wailed.

Freddy's mother was both astounded and angry. "I'll see the teacher about that! What was the question she asked you?"

"She wanted to know who put the glue in her ink bottle."—Current School Topics.

## THE CHERRY TREE

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Channing Pollock, who wrote "The Fool," one of the last plays Samuel Gompers went to see in the last months of his life before he began to slip so perceptibly into the shadows, has written another play which he calls "The Enemy." Mr. Pollock, whose earlier play was of the under dog and the other dog, writes now of war and peace.

The play begins before the World War in Vienna and it ends after the war in the little flat where it has its beginnings. It is a grand piece of melodrama—no play of the war could well be less than melodramatic. Through the dialogue Mr. Pollock excoriates war. He flays it with satire. He heaves crushing invective upon it. He pricks it to bleeding pieces with rapier thrusts. He holds it up, bleeding and raw, until it is gorgeously repulsive. He lays out in terrible array the mangled remnants of war's aftermath. There is perhaps no more powerful anti-war sermon in anything else that human being are saying in this day than is being said on the stage through the lines of Channing Pollock's play.

This from Mizzi, who is talking to Pauli, who is perhaps the finest character in the play:

"I heard regularly \* \* \* until the regiment went East. That's where we've lost most men. Always victories \* \* \* and more troops \* \* \* more \* \* \* always more \* \* \* marching \* \* \* marching \* \* \* away and never heard of again! Where do they go? From the schools to their death \* \* \* Almost from the cradle! Did you see that battalion yesterday? Babies! If only they wouldn't march up this street! Fritz—"

"Pauli: Fritz'll come back!"

"Mizzi: If I could only know!"

Mr. Pollock uses Pauli's father, the kindly professor, as the vehicle for his philosophy, which is summed up when the old man talks about Metz, which "cost ten million lives" for "strategic purposes."

"When will we learn," the professor says, "that friendship is the only strategy, and good will a greater protection than machine guns?"

Again he says: "Time isn't measured by our little lives. We are still children. Some day we shall grow up. Some day there will be an end of race and creed, and hate and prejudice."

Whether Mr. Pollock has in his own mind any belief that there are justifiable wars—wars in which defenders at least are justified in their defense, the play does not reveal. But war as war—war per se—is gloriously turned inside out. War is dramatized as an inglorious thing, a beastly, brutal thing that ruins, corrupts and kills not only bodies, but also the souls of many whose bodies still live. The play is in book form for those to whom the stage is too remote.

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## TYPOGRAPHICAL TOPICS

The membership was surprised and shocked Wednesday morning, December 2, 1925, when word reached the officers that Louis M. Kistler had passed away during the early hours of the morning. The cause of death was chronic myocarditis and acute dilation of the heart. Mr. Kistler is survived by his widow, Mrs. Florence Kistler, and six sons and daughters, the youngest child being but five months of age. Mr. Kistler was a native of Indiana, 47 years, eight months and 27 days of age, and has resided in California for the past seven years. He and his family had but recently returned to San Francisco after an extended absence caused by the ill health of Mrs. Kistler. At the time of his death he was employed in the International Printing Company chapel. The funeral will be held Saturday, December 5, at 8:30 A. M., from the funeral parlors of Jas. H. Reilly & Co., thence to St. Paul's Church, where a requiem mass will be celebrated for the repose of his soul. The remains will be interred in Holy Cross cemetery.

Despite the heavy rain of last Sunday a goodly number of members were present at the Labor Temple in response to the notice sent out calling for a special meeting of the union for the purpose of considering the proposed new wage scale presented by the scale committee. The San Francisco Newspaper Publishers' Association early in November notified the union of its desire to open negotiations looking to a lowering of the wage scale, lengthening of the hours of employment and raising the minimum production mark. At the meeting Sunday the union gave careful consideration to the publishers' proposition and at the same time adopted a new wage scale to be presented as a counter proposition, in which it asks for a slight increase in the wage scale, a slight reduction in the hours of labor and a reduction of the minimum output. Other provisions in previous contracts between the two organizations were given careful consideration also, with the result that an almost totally new contract was adopted. The outstanding features of the proposition to be presented to the publishers calls for a rearrangement of the starting time on the newspapers, and a simple, but we believe, effective regulation of the apprentice training period, to the end that the apprentice will be given a greater opportunity to perfect himself as a workman. As soon as the new proposals have been reviewed by the international president negotiations will continue and we hope will be speedily culminated in an effort to further stabilize the newspaper industry in this city.

The printing fraternity in San Francisco was called upon this week to pay its last respects to one of its oldest employers, Grattan D. Phillips, one of the partners in the firm of Phillips & Van Orden. Mr. Phillips passed away at his home in this city last week. Mr. Phillips was buried from St. Edward's church, and interment was in Holy Cross cemetery. Many members of the allied crafts have been employed in the Phillips & Van Orden

office throughout its career and a very friendly relationship has grown up there.

The label committee will meet next week to consider the non-label matter that has been turned into headquarters by the membership. It is gratifying to say that the amount collected and returned is the greatest that has been returned in many years. No doubt the interest taken is stimulated by the union's offer of financial reward for those who turn in the largest amount of matter. One of the results of the publicity given this work is the establishing of a box in some of the offices where non-label matter is deposited by the members, chief among these being the Chronicle office, where a box is always available for this matter. Other offices could adopt the Chronicle chapel's action with good results to the union and, incidentally, to the individual members. Announcement of winners in the union's contest will be made at the meeting of the union December 20.

The latest word from Will J. French, who has been spending the past several months in New Zealand and Australia, is to the effect that he expects to reach San Francisco and home on Christmas day. Mr. French has been busy while in the Antipodes delivering lectures on various topics, chief of which is the Industrial Accident Commission work, with which there is no man more familiar. He will be welcomed home by his host of friends in California.

Many of the old-timers in San Francisco will remember the name of Leslie E. Dennison, who worked in San Francisco and other coast cities years ago. Mr. Dennison is now connected with Boston No. 13 and is taking an active interest in the affairs of that union as is evidenced by the fact that he is a member of the committee on apprentices in that union. Besides this activity he is very much interested in the label propaganda work in the Eastern city, and is the author of a number of pieces of printing that are used by No. 13 in promoting its label campaign. Several designs layed out by Mr. Dennison are now being used by paper houses and mills to illustrate their wares, and it is needless to say that they are beautiful. Mr. Dennison also sends the following:

Extract from the American Art Printer, Vol. 5, page 303, New York, June, 1892:

"At a recent outing of the San Francisco Examiner's chapel the feature of the day was an old-fashioned spelling bee. Several typos entered the contest, all experts at orthography and confident that they could spell until train time, if necessary. But they did not figure on the veteran printer who had been appointed master. They stood at the front of the platform and Edward T. Plank stepped before them.

"'Abacus,' said Plank to the head of the class, when all were ready.

"'A-b-a-c-u-s,' said William A. Mello.

Mr. Plank made no comment, but moved quickly to the next. 'Abacus,' he said.

"'A-b-b-a-c-u-s,' replied James T. Kelsey.

"'Abacus,' said the old printer again.

"'A-b-b-a-c-c-u-s,' was Jas. Shearer's version.

"'Abacus,' repeated Plank to the fourth man.

"'A-b-a-c-c-h-u-s,' said Charles Latimer, who good-naturedly led the orchestra on the return trip.

"'Abacus,' continued the man in front of the line.

"'A-b-a-c-h-u-s,' guessed Walter Stone, thinking like the rest that there must be some peculiar construction about it.

"'Abacus,' said Plank again, and W. J. White agreed with Mello.

"'Abacus,' was put to the last man, and John Smyth got it right. His prize was a silk vest."

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#### Chronicle Chapel Notes—By H. J. Benz.

Everybody is happy now since the ruling was posted that lunch time starts after the completion of four hours of labor and shifts were "jumbled" to meet the issue. "&xyx&!!!—fb?;:\$f..5/8\*" represents a few of the pleasant exclamations heard here and there.

Tom Hearn returned the middle of last week from a hurried trip to Los Angeles, where he appeared on the witness stand in behalf of Uncle Sam; after which he spent a day looking over the town and inspecting a few orchard ranches. Tom did not commit himself, although he admitted he was very favorably impressed with the possible opportunities.

E. W. Beedle survived the turkey feast last week and is back to work, but he failed in his main purpose in taking the week of "rest," drumming up trade for his galley lock business—he was in no condition.

After several trips, in which each tried to beat the other, Charley Cullen and "Red" Fields came to and discovered why no one was on the "other end of the telephone." In testing out a line for a short one evening last week, the machinists were using a bell, which rang when contact was made with a live wire and which the rivals thought was the 'phone ringing.

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ALL SHOWN me

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ALL OF us

HAD THAT spirit

TO HELP

ANOTHER ALONG

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(With usual apologies to K. C. B.)

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### EIGHT HOUR DAY GRANTED.

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An arbitration board, consisting of Hon. John L. McNab, impartial chairman; Hon. Frank Colbourn, Commissioner of Public Health and Safety for the City of Oakland, representing the union; and Hon. E. O. Edgerton, president of the East Bay Water Company, representing the Key System Transit Company, has been sitting for several months in order to decide the differences arising between the men of the Key System Transit Company, and issued its findings and award on December 2nd, 1925.

The decision grants the men the basic eight hour day and increases the hourly rate of pay from 56c to 70c, and is a clean-cut victory for the union. The case was submitted for the men by H. P. Melnikow of the Labor Bureau, Inc., while the company was represented by Attorney W. I. Brobeck, and had on its side in addition all the talent that a corporation of its size can muster in its behalf. The hearings were held in the city hall at Oakland and eight days were required for the submission of the oral evidence and statistics on the hours of labor, cost of living, and other pertinent subjects.

The opinion as written by Chairman John L. McNab contains some straightforward statements of principle on the issues involved. Regarding the eight hour day, the following is said:

"Quotations are given from Presidents of the United States and leading economists in the country in praise of the eight hour system. Boards of arbitration agree to the sentiment, but decline to translate it into a reality. The board can see neither courage nor wisdom in such a course.

"Employers and employees over a century ago commenced to battle over the reduction in the hours of toil. The battle has revolved around fourteen hours, then passed on to twelve; it raged around a reduction to ten, and as each reduction was made it was contended that industry could not bear the burden and that economic ruin would ensue. These arguments have proved fallacious.

"In the opinion of the board the eight hour day is as applicable to the platform men in street railway service as it is to any other established industry, where an appropriate range of operation is provided to care for the daily recording peaks of travel during the rush hours. In our opinion the eight hour day should be established as the basic day for the platform men on the Key Route service."

Regarding the cost of living, the board stated that the most reliable evidence submitted during the case showed that a budget for a family of five

required \$2394 per year for a family to maintain an American standard of living.

George Durand, president of Carmen's Union, Division 192, declared that the men were highly pleased at the outcome of the arbitration case, which they have been patiently awaiting for several months. "We have had three arbitration proceedings before this," he declared, "but this is the first time that our case was presented with the technical assistance that the Labor Bureau, Inc., can give to trades unions in their wage negotiations and arbitration proceedings. We are also very fortunate in having such a splendid board of arbitration and feel that due consideration was given to the merits of every angle of the case."

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## SAN FRANCISCO LABOR COUNCIL

### Synopsis of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held Friday, November 27, 1925.

Meeting called to order at 8 P. M., by President Wm. P. Stanton.

Roll Call of Officers—All present.

Minutes of Previous Meeting—Approved as printed in Labor Clarion.

**Communications**—Filed: From President Green of the American Federation of Labor, transmitting request from last convention in behalf of Journeymen Tailors to all bodies of organized labor to assist tailors in inducing the management of the National Woolen Mills of Parkersburg, West Va., to establish friendly relations with the organized labor movement. From Boss the Tailor, offering ten per cent reduction on orders for suits, on account of removal to new location at 1048 Market.

Referred to Executive Committee—From Textile Workers, seeking financial assistance to erect memorial to the late United States Senator William Hughes, for his active work in behalf of labor. From Secretary F. M. Krepps of Coopers' International Union, seeking to secure reaffiliation of local union of coopers, and asking good offices in the matter on the part of this Council.

**Reports of Unions**—Longshore Lumbermen are to hold election of officers. Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of South San Francisco had a very successful dance. Asphalt Workers initiated 13 new members. Grocery Clerks report the Co-operative Market is unfair to them; ask all union people to look for their button when buying groceries. Teamsters 85 have signed a new agreement for three years, with reduction in working hours and increase in wages in certain lines.

Label Section reports its last whist party a great

success, and will hold another on December 28th in the Labor Temple.

Law and Legislative Committee will hold a public hearing on letter from the Mayor of Los Angeles, complaining of refusal of officers of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company to testify before the Railroad Commission as to their contract with the Southern California Telephone Company, which is charging exorbitant rates in Los Angeles, with consent of the said commission.

Moved, that when the Council adjourn this evening it do so in respect to the memory of the mother of David Hardy. Adopted by a rising vote.

Delegate Paul Scharrenberg was granted the floor and gave an account of the recent seamen's strike in Australia, and attributed the defeat of the Labor Party in five of the Australian states as being due to organized labor's radical attitude

in connection with said strike, in opposition to the policy of the organized seamen of Great Britain.

Receipts—\$171.50. Expenses—\$150.00.

Adjourned at 8:45 P. M.

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President Green requests American Federation of Labor organizers to acquaint trade unionists with conditions in families of striking miners in northern West Virginia. Shoes and clothing are needed for the women and children.

This, said President Green, will supplement the relief work of the United Mine Workers which is spending thousands of dollars each month for food, fuel and shelter. Another large expense is contesting injunctions issued by former corporation lawyers who are now in judicial positions.

All packages should be forwarded to the international representative of the United Mine Workers, Van A. Bittner, Odd Fellows Building, Fairmont, West Virginia.

The miners suspended work when the operators scrapped a three-year agreement signed at Jacksonville, last year. These operators have doubled the price of their coal since the anthracite strike and are now using every power of the state and federal judiciary to smash the miners' union.

The strikers and their families are housed in barracks erected by the union.

In urging organizers to impress the situation upon trade unionists, President Green says:

"There are many wives and children of striking miners in northern West Virginia who are suffering for lack of shoes and clothing. I know of no place in America where the need is greater or the call for assistance is more justifiable."

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**Labor Council Directory**

Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m. at Labor Temple, Sixteenth and Capp Streets. Secretary's office and headquarters, Room 205, Labor Temple. Executive and Arbitration Committee meets every Monday at 7:30 p. m. Labor Section meets first and third Wednesdays at 8 p. m. Headquarters telephone—Market 56.  
(Please notify Clarion of any Change.)

Alaska Fishermen—Meet Fridays during February, March, April and October, 49 Clay.  
Asphalt Workers—Meet 2nd and 4th Mondays, Labor Temple.

Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers No. 104—Meet Tuesdays, 224 Guerrero.

Auto and Carriage Painters—Meet 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 200 Guerrero.

Auto Mechanics No. 1305—Meet Thursdays, 236 Van Ness Ave.

Baggage Messengers—Meet 2nd Monday, 60 Market. Sec., Robert Berry, 1059 56th St., Oakland.

Bakers No. 24—Meet 1st and 3rd Saturdays, Labor Temple.

Bakery Wagon Drivers—Meet 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 112 Valencia.

Barbers No. 148—Meet 1st and 3rd Mondays, 112 Valencia.

Bill Posters—Meet 2nd and 4th Mondays, 230 Jones.

Blacksmith and Helpers—Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Labor Temple.

Boilermakers No. 6—Meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays, Labor Temple.

Bookbinders—Office, room 804, 693 Mission. Meet 3rd Friday, Labor Temple.

Bottlers No. 293—Meet 3rd Tuesday, 177 Capp.

Boxmakers and Sawyers—Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 177 Capp.

Brewery Drivers—Meet 2nd Monday, 177 Capp.

Brewery Workmen No. 7—Meet 4th Thursday, 177 Capp.

Broom Makers—Meet last Saturday, Labor Temple.

Butchers No. 115—Meet Wednesday, Labor Temple.

Butchers No. 508—Meet 1st and 3rd Fridays, Masonic Hall, Third and Newcomb Sts.

Cemetery Workers—Meet 1st and 3rd Saturdays, Labor Temple.

Cigarmakers—Meet 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 177 Capp.

Chauffeurs—Meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 112 Valencia.

Commercial Telegraphers—Meet 1st Mondays, 274 Russ Bldg.

Cooks No. 44—Meet 1st and 4th Thursdays at 8:30 p. m., 3rd Thursday at 2:30 p. m., 580 Eddy.

Coopers No. 65—Meet 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Labor Temple.

Cracker Bakers No. 125—Meet 3rd Monday, Labor Temple.

Cracker Packers' Auxiliary—Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 1524 Powell.

Draftsmen No. 11—Sec., Ivan Flamm, 261 Octavia St., Apt. 4.

Dredgemen No. 898—Meet 1st and 3rd Sundays, 105 Market.

Electrical Workers No. 151—Meet Thursdays, 112 Valencia.

Electrical Workers No. 6—Meet Wednesdays, 200 Guerrero.

Electrical Workers 537, Cable Splicers.

Egg Inspectors—Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, Labor Temple.

Elevator Constructors and Operators—Meet 1st and 3rd Fridays, 200 Guerrero.

Federal Employees No. 1—Office, 746 Pacific Building. Meet 1st Tuesday, 414 Mason.

Federation of Teachers No. 61—Meet 2nd Monday, Room 227, City Hall.

Ferryboatmen's Union—Meet every other Wednesday, 59 Clay.

Garage Employees—Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 236 Van Ness Ave.

Garment Cutters—Meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays, Labor Temple.

Garment Workers No. 131—Meet 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 5 p. m., 2nd at 8 p. m., Labor Temple.

Glove Workers—Meet 1st Tuesday, Labor Temple.

Grocery Clerks—Meet 1st Thursday, Labor Temple.

Hatters No. 23—Sec., Jonas Grace, 1114 Mission.

Ice Drivers—Sec., V. Hummel, 3532 Anza. Meet 2nd and 4th Mondays, Labor Temple.

Iron, Steel and Tin Workers—Sec., John Coward, R. F. D. 1, Box 137, Colma, Cal. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday, Metropolitan Hall, So. S. F.

Janitors No. 9—Meet 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Labor Temple.

Label Section—Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Labor Temple.

Labor Council—Meets Fridays, Labor Temple.

Laundry Drivers—Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, Labor Temple.

Laundry Workers No. 26—Meet 1st and 3rd Mondays, Labor Temple.

Letter Carriers—Sec., Thos. P. Tierney, 635a Castro. Meets 1st Saturday, 414 Mason.

Lithographers No. 17—Meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 273 Golden Gate Ave.

Longshore Lumbermen—Meet 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Labor Temple.

Machinists No. 68—Meet Wednesdays, Labor Temple.

Mailers No. 18—Sec., C. W. von Ritter, 3431 Mission St. Meets 3rd Sunday, Labor Temple.

Marine Engineers No. 49—10 Embarcadero.

Material Teamsters No. 216—Meet Wednesdays, 200 Guerrero.

Metal Polishers—Meet 1st and 3rd Mondays, Labor Temple.

Milk Wagon Drivers—Meet Wednesdays, Labor Temple.

Miscellaneous Employees No. 110—Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 218 Fourth St.

Molders No. 164—Meet Tuesdays, Labor Temple.

Molders 'Auxiliary'—Meet 1st Friday.

Moving Picture Operators—Meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 230 Jones.

Musicians No. 6—Meet 2nd Thursday; Ex. Board, Tuesday, 230 Jones.

Office Employees—Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, Labor Temple. Office, 305 Labor Temple.

Patternmakers—Meet 2nd and 4th Fridays, Labor Temple.

Pavers—Meet 1st Monday, Labor Temple.

Paste Makers No. 10587—Meet last Saturday of month, 441 Broadway.

Photo Engravers—Meet 1st Monday, Labor Temple.

Picture Frame Workers—Sec., W. Wilgus, 461 Andover. Meet 1st Friday, Labor Temple.

Post Office Clerks—Meet 4th Thursday, Labor Temple.

Post Office Laborers—Sec., Wm. O'Donnell, 212 Steiner St.

Printing Pressmen—Office, 231 Stevenson. Meets 2nd Monday, Labor Temple.

Professional Embalmers—Sec., George Monahan, 3300 16th St.

Poultry Dressers No. 17732—Meet 2nd and 4th Mondays, Labor Temple.

Retail Clerks No. 432—Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 150 Golden Gate Ave.

Retail Shoe Salesmen No. 410—Meet Tuesdays, 273 Golden Gate Ave.

Retail Delivery Drivers—Meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays, Labor Temple.

Riggers and Stevedores—Meet Mondays 112 Steuart.

Sailors' Union of the Pacific—Meets Mondays 59 Clay.

Sailmakers—Sec., Horace Kelly, 2558 29th Ave. Meet 1st Thursday, Labor Temple.

Sausage Makers—Meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 3053 Sixteenth.

Ship Clerks—10 Embarcadero.

Shipwrights No. 759—Meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays, Labor Temple.

Shipyards Laborers—Meet 1st and 3rd Fridays, Labor Temple.

Stationary Engineers No. 64—Meet Tuesdays, 200 Guerrero.

Stationary Firemen—Meet Tuesday, Labor Temple.

Steam Fitters No. 590—Meet 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Labor Temple.

Steam Shovel Men No. 29—Meet 1st Saturday, 268 Market.

Stereotypers and Electrotypers—Meet 3rd Sunday, Labor Temple.

Stove Mounters No. 61—Sec., Michael Hoffman, Box 74, Newark, Cal.

Stove Mounters No. 62—A. A. Sweeney, 1528 Walnut, Alameda, Cal.

Street Carmen, Div. 518—Meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays, Labor Temple.

Tailors No. 80—Office, Room 416, 163 Sutter. Meet 2nd and 4th Mondays, Labor Temple.

Teamsters No. 85—Meet Thursdays, 536 Bryant.

Theatrical Stage Employees—Meet 1st Saturday, 230 Jones.

Trackmen—Meet 4th Tuesday, Labor Temple.

Trades Union Promotional League, Room 304, Labor Temple. Phone Hamlock 2925.

Tunnel & Aqueduct Workers No. 45—Sec., James Glambruno, P. O. Box 3, Groveland, Calif.

Typographical No. 21—Office, 525 Market. Meets 3rd Sunday, Labor Temple.

United Laborers No. 1—Meet Tuesdays, 200 Guerrero.

Upholsterers No. 28—Meet Tuesdays, Labor Temple.

Watchmen No. 15689—Sec., E. Counihan, 106 Bosworth. Meets 3rd Thursdays, Labor Temple.

Waiters No. 30—Wednesdays, 3 p. m., 1256 Market.

Waitresses No. 48—Meet 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 8 p. m., 2nd and last at 3 p. m., 1171 Market.

Water Workers—Sec., Thos. Dowd, 214 27th St. Meet 1st Monday, Labor Temple.

Web Pressmen—Meet 4th Sunday, Labor Temple.

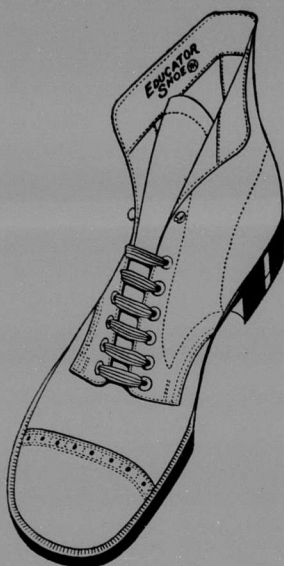


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## Brief Items of Interest

The following members of San Francisco unions died during the past week: Hector McEntee of the musicians, George McGilliveray of the machinists, Theodore Gilchrist of the Marine firemen, Alvin C. de Poister of the boilermakers, Charles E. White of the millmen.

On Monday, December 28th, the Label Section of the Labor Council will hold its third whist party in Convention Hall in the Labor Temple. Remember the date and keep it open so as to be able to attend.

The Labor Council last Friday night adjourned out of respect to the mother of David Hardy, member of the executive committee. Mrs. Hardy died last Thursday morning and the funeral was held on Monday.

Delegate Paul Scharrenberg was granted the floor in the Labor Council last Friday night and gave an account of the recent seamen's strike in Australia, and attributed the defeat of the Labor Party in five of the Australian states to organized labor's radical attitude in connection with the strike, in opposition to the policy of the organized seamen of Great Britain.

"A grand and glorious affair" was the description given today by all those who attended the

house warming party of Waitresses' Local 48, Saturday, at 1171 Market street.

Continued moral and financial support for the Union Label League was voted at the last meeting of Millmen 42, Secretary W. G. Seagrave announced.

An agreement involving wage increases and important changes in the working conditions of more than 3400 men has been signed by the Teamsters' Union and the Draymen's Association of San Francisco. A shorter work day, increases in certain overtime rates and more pay for certain classification of labor are covered in the agreement, which will run three years, from February 1, 1926, the date the present one expires. The men will start to work at 7:45 a. m. instead of 7:30 as at present, and will quit at 5:30 p. m. Work will stop Saturdays at 3 p. m. instead of at 4 as under the present agreement. A wage increase of 50 cents a day will become effective for drivers of four-horse teams, fruit delivery teamsters and for drivers of the larger trucks. The latter are covered by a new classification. The daily wage scales for auto truck drivers is set at \$7, \$7.50 and \$8. Increases in overtime agreed on are \$1.10 to \$1.25 an hour and from \$1.25 to \$1.50 an hour. Teamsters

who work Sundays and holidays will be allowed double time. The rate under the present agreement is time and a half. Washington's birthday has been added to the list of holidays, making eight each year.

Approval or disapproval of the reorganized State Federation of Culinary Workers was voted by the Waiters' Union at its meeting last Wednesday, Secretary Hugo Ernst stated. The recent convention of the Federation at San Diego abolished the three districts of the Federation and substituted a general executive board, representing all sections of the State. A contribution of \$10 to the fund maintained by the Native Sons and Daughters was mailed today by the Waitresses' Union. The local sent \$25 to the union at Kelso, Washington, to aid it in establishing a permanent fund for its sick and injured members.

Mrs. Kathryn Benedict, ousted president of the Waitresses' Union, Local 48, Monday by decision of Superior Judge Johnson lost her suit for reinstatement. The decision is of widespread interest among labor unions, fraternal orders and similar bodies, because it upholds the authority of organization officers to govern their members in organization affairs. In 1923, while Mrs. Benedict was president of the San Francisco Union, the legality of her membership was questioned by the Seattle local, of which she was a member in 1901. Judge Johnson decided the ouster proceedings had been regular and just and that it was not for the court to interfere.

At the election held on Wednesday by Machinists' Union No. 68, Antone Brenner was elected president, E. Eckert, recording secretary, and George Ross, business agent. There were no other contests and the incumbents were all returned to office for another year.

### AUTO MECHANICS.

The Auto Mechanics' Union has been making steady progress in organizing the shops of San Francisco, having taken in four shops during the month and initiating fifteen new members at the last meeting. The election held last Wednesday resulted as follows: President, E. G. Younger; vice-president, Otto Norman; recording secretary, H. S. Kook; financial secretary, A. C. Franklin; treasurer, Joseph Himiler; conductor, H. O. Martin; sentinel, A. J. Smith; business agent, F. J. Dumond; trustee, F. J. Manning; delegates to Labor Council, F. J. Dumond, F. J. Manning, A. Koffer, A. Matson, J. A. Rudd; law and legislative committee, William Grace, Frederick Jacobs, N. Winton; executive board, C. D. Allen, A. Collom, H. A. Herod, F. W. Johnston, M. A. Lovay, William Petri, J. W. Seivers, William Stout.

### "LABOR'S REWARD."

The moving picture, "Labor's Reward," was shown in the Auditorium of the Labor Temple last Wednesday evening to an audience that filled the big hall to capacity. While the picture itself did not come up to the expectations of the audience, the lecture delivered by Representative Van Horn held the attention of the audience and was both interesting and instructive and because of the fact that there were many persons in the gathering who were not connected with the labor movement the meeting was well worth while.

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